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## MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES GRADUATE FROM TECHNICAL COURSES



*Head Instructor Gene Melody presents certificates signifying the successful completion of Ivy Tech's machinist course by the six Mercury Maintenance employees shown above. From left are: Gene Melody (Instructor), Gene Stamps, Don Hall, Joe Stockton, J. B. Doolin, Max Reynolds, and Winston DeFriece.*

In recent months several of Mercury's Maintenance men have been engaged in intensive training programs designed to advance their technical knowledge and skill. When all training is completed, their newly acquired technical know-how should add greatly to the versatility and professional tone of the Maintenance Department.

### MILLWRIGHT MACHINE REPAIR COURSE

Gene Stamps, Don Hall, Joe Stockton, J. B. Doolin, Max Reynolds, and Winston DeFriece graduated from

the first quarter of Ivy Tech's (Indiana Vocational Technical College) Millwright Machine Repair Course on May 22. This course is divided between classroom sessions discussing textbook assignments and actual shop experience and covers the topics of blueprint interpretation, machine shop practices, advanced machine tool operation, machine specialization, and machine repair.

The 96-hour Ivy Tech machinist curriculum is offered, in cooperation with Eastern Indiana Center of Earlham College, at facilities provided by Haughton Elevator Co.,

## IDENTIFICATION CARD PROGRAM SCHEDULED

As a part of Mercury's security program for the new plant, an employee identification card program, designed to bar unauthorized persons from the premises, will soon be initiated.

Under this new plan, both salaried and hourly employees will be issued a blue identification card bearing the employee's name, his clock number, and his seniority date.

All employees will be required to carry this card with them anytime they are on company premises. They should be able to present the card to company officials or security guards upon request.

The enforcement of this security system will provide the necessary protection for our employees and our production activities.



358 Northwest "F" St., in Richmond, Indiana.

### NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE COURSE

On May 14, Bill Adkins, Charles Brooks, and Glenn Rawlings graduated from the 36-hour National Electrical Code Course given at Richmond Senior High School. These men devoted one night each week of their time for 12 weeks to learn the latest methods of electronic and machine wiring.

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## FLUID POWER COURSE

Three of our Maintenance men, Lou Hubble, George Griffin, and Paul Parks, had the privilege of graduating from the first practical Fluid Power course offered in Indiana on May 22. This unique course covers the theory and practical use of fluid power in machines and production equipment; it is a study of the scientific nature of all fluids - water, air, or chemical-and the scientific application of them. The knowledge gained from this course is extremely useful in Mercury's production departments inasmuch as almost all of our machinery and equipment include the use of some form of fluid power in their design. Ivy Tech instructors conducted the course at Mallory Technical Institute in Indianapolis.

In addition to the above mentioned training programs, Jim Jewitt and Homer Himes are attending the four-year Industrial Electrical Apprentice Course held at Connersville High School.

**WANTED TO RENT:** Farmhouse or house with pasture for one horse and foal.

Please contact Hermione Wood, ext. 264 or Call Galen & Hermione Wood, 2308 Straightline at 935-2131.



*Graduates of the National Electrical Code Course. They are, from left: Bill Adkins, Charles Brooks, and Glenn Rawlings.*



*Proud bearers of certificates evidencing completion of Ivy Tech's unique Fluid Power Course. They are from left: Lou Hubble, George Griffin, and Paul Parks.*

## MONTHLY GOOD HOUSEKEEPING CONTEST TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Due to the disruption in departments caused by moving operations, the monthly Good Housekeeping Contest inspections cannot be fairly and effectively conducted in all production areas. The contest, therefore, has been temporarily suspended until some later date (probably August) when all departments are settled in the new facilities. At that time a good housekeeping inspection will be made to select four winners - for May, June, July, and August - whose names will be engraved on the plaque as monthly award winners.

*In the meantime, let's not let up on good housekeeping practices that insure a safe and pleasant place in which to work.*

*It Isn't Easy . . . .*

To apologize  
To begin over  
To take advice  
To admit error  
To face a sneer  
To be charitable  
To keep on trying  
To be considerate  
To avoid mistakes  
To forgive and forget  
To think and then act  
To keep out of a rut  
To make the best of little  
To subdue an unruly temper  
To shoulder a deserved blame  
To recognize the silver lining  
*. . . . But It Always Pays!*

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# HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - 1969



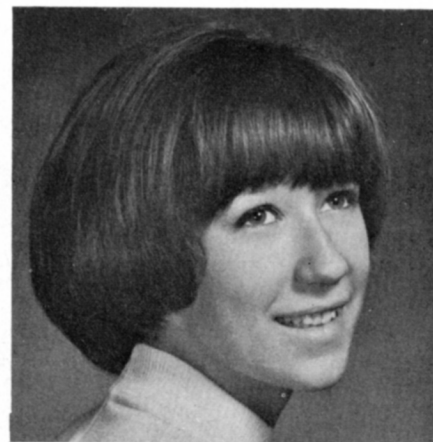
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*New Madison High School.  
Proud parent: Keith Burns, Foreman, Matrix Department.*



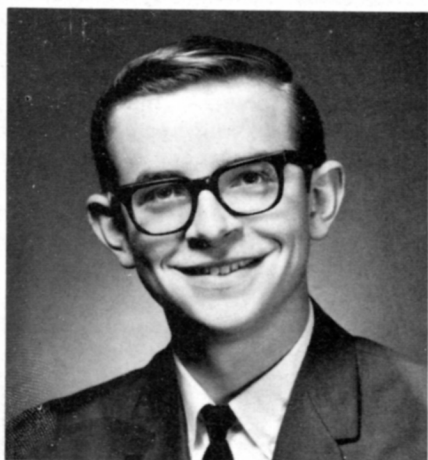
**JENNI NORTH**

*Valley View High School.  
Proud parent: Jim Moore, General Accounting Supervisor.*



**BETTY SMITH**

*Richmond Senior High School.  
Proud sister: Ola Smith, Disc Jockey Department.*



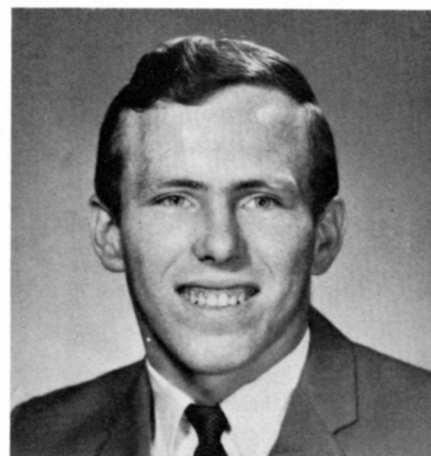
**HAROLD HIGGS**

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Proud parent: Marvin Higgs, Building Project Coordinator.*



**BOBBIE MINTON**

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**WILLIAM R. PATTERSON**

*Lincoln High School.  
Proud parent: A. J. Patterson, Buyer.*



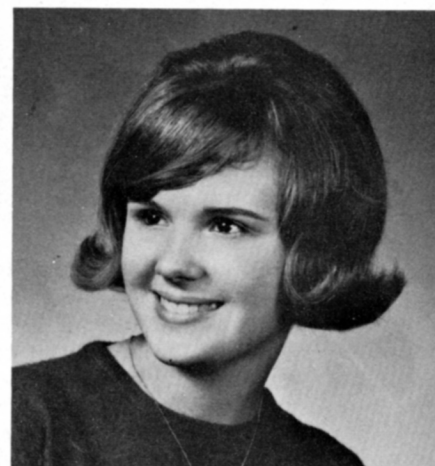
**JUDITH LYNN THARP**

*Short High School.  
Proud parent: Bill Lange, Cost Accounting Supervisor.*



**LINDA L. HOFER**

*Richmond Senior High School.  
Proud parent: Anna M. Hofer, ASM Department.*

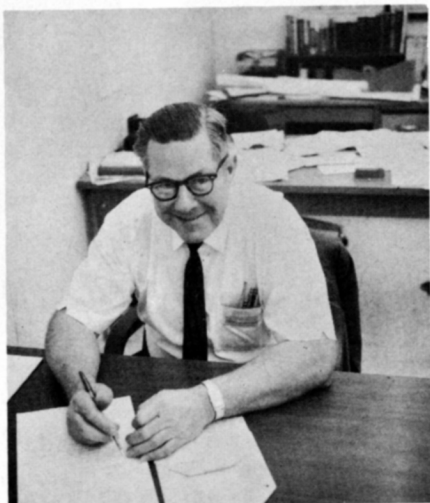


**DEBBIE MYERS**

*National Trails High School.  
Proud parent: Dick Myers, System Analyst.*



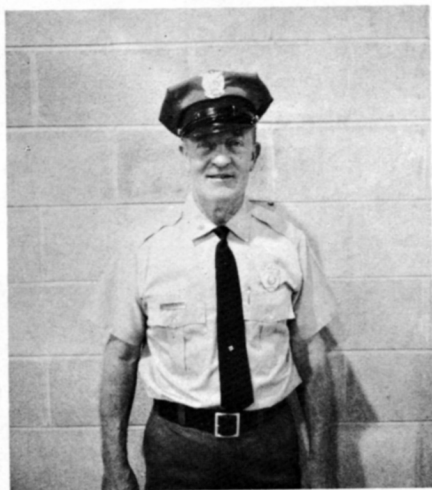
## Introducing



**John Evans** joined Mercury as Industrial Engineer on May 19. He brings to his new position a wide range of experience in the industrial engineering and management consulting fields. Prior to beginning his service here, he was Corporate Staff Industrial Engineer with the Divco Wayne Corporation. John, his wife Lois, and their family are residents of Richmond.



**Lieutenant Vernon Taylor** assumed duties as head of Mercury's new plant security force on April 28. In this newly created position, he will supervise the 24 hour security activities of four employees. He was formerly Sergeant of Police for the Penn-Central Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. Vernon, his wife Louise, and their son Mike, live in Richmond.



**Sergeant Howard Sittloh** joined the Mercury security force on May 5 and will assist Lieutenant Vernon Taylor in carrying out the new plant security program. Most employees became acquainted with him when he previously served as a security guard on the Pinkerton staff here at the plant. On May 31 wedding bells rang for Howard; he and his wife, Virginia, reside in Richmond.



**Anthony "Buck" Bengé** signed aboard as security guard on May 19. Buck, a 1967 graduate of Union High School, lives with his family on a turkey farm on R.R.#2 near Richmond.



## MARY CAPPA WINS SUGGESTION AWARD



The happy recipient of monetary award shown above is Mary Coppa, who is in charge of the Miller & Clark Servomation vending service in the Company cafeteria.

For her suggestion Mary designed a special menu card for employees and recommended that they be placed daily on bulletin boards at strategic locations to give all employees advance notice of their choice of meals for the day. Prior to the implementation of her suggestion, employees had no advance notice of the meal selections available to them for the day, and would have to wait until lunch time when they could visit the cafeteria and read the menu posted only at that location. Officials of the Miller & Clark suggestion program deemed Mary's idea to be a winning suggestion from employees in this area and she was awarded a check for \$10.00. Miller & Clark submitted her suggestion to a Regional Committee of Servomation and she received an additional \$50.00 in recognition of her worthwhile contribution toward serving the customer more effectively. Congratulations, Mary.

## MERCURY LEADER IN LOCAL AMERICAN LEAGUE

By Larry Sandifar



*Mercury's 1969 industrial softball team . . . 1st Row; From Left: Bill Dickenson, Roy Flatter, Tony Norton, Jim Graham, Jim Jewitt, Darrell Parshall, Larry Sandifar, Assistant Coach. 2nd Row; From*

*Left: Bob Downing, Homer Himes, Johnny Jones, Larry Loper, Jim Dorsten, Barry Routzahn. 3rd Row; From Left: Jerry Haynes, Coach and Manager; Bill Marietta, Bill Cross, Jerry Griffith.*

Mercury is off to a flying start, under the direction of Jerry Haynes, for the 1969 softball season with a 4-1 record and are tied for first place with Alcoa. Our only defeat went to Eaton-Gear in the first game of the season. Mercury rallied in the bottom of the seventh, but to no avail as Eaton-Gear slipped by us 12-9. Our second game was against PC Local 1363 and was also very close as Mercury edged out PC, 13-12. We played heads-up ball and came out victors against PC Dana (Rich) with a 6-4 score and then

took two easy ones, Philco-Ford (8-3), and FOP-Fire Fitters (17-9).

Mercury has sponsored a team for the past several years and have had some very good ball teams. We were tourney champs in 1962 and 1967, and we also took second place in the league standings in 1961. The Company also outfitted our team in new uniforms this year. There has been a good turn-out of fans and the players would like to see everyone at the ball park supporting their team.

## ACCOUNTING

June brings many happenings to the Accounting Department. For some it will be graduating seniors - for all of us it will be the move to the new plant.

Jim Moore, Bill Lange and Dick Myers have graduating seniors - look for their pictures in the special section.

We welcome Debbie Brown to Accounting. Debbie is a graduating senior from Richmond High School and is presently working after school

in the Office Service Department.

Linda Shoemaker and her husband are vacationing on the East Coast before he leaves for Lackland Air Force base in Texas. He has enlisted in the Air Force for four years.

Jim Reynolds and Twyla Reece of Lynn have announced their engagement. The wedding will take place August 9 in the Lynn Friends Church. The couple plan to reside in Richmond. Jim heads the Office Service Department.

We have two proud grandmothers in our midst - Sharon Craig's Labelle

Monique and Nell Longmire's Christina's Frenchman are the parents of a girl - a Toy French Poodle, born May 30. Needless to say, both grandmothers are quite elated.

Service dates with Mercury: Pat Delk, 4 years, and Bill Montgomery, 5 years, both in May. Maxine Price completes ten years on June 22.

Birthdays for May included Clarence France, Ted Stephen and Jim Moore. Coming up on June 5th is Hermione Wood's.

Reporter ..... Doris Lorton

## ORDER SERVICE DEPARTMENT

While the rest of the Shipping Department enjoys the comforts of the new plant, the Order Service Department continues in the confines of the old plant, trying to clear up last minute details before we too join the rest of the Distribution Department. We have been preparing our files for microfilm the last several months and they are almost all complete. We are finishing up the other aspects of our department work so we can move within a few weeks. At the same time we are trying to coordinate sending paperwork to the Shipping Department in the new plant. Hopefully, we will be moved by the end of June.

Another function performed by our department concerns last minute orders from customers on a hot record number that normally cannot be sent in by our regular Merrec Distributors or is called in by an independent distributor. They call our department, we make up the order and it is teletyped to Shipping from our department by Janet Studebaker, our TWX operator.

On the personal side, Janet Studebaker's husband left for basic training in the U.S. Army on May 13. Phyllis Null and husband were frequent visitors to the Indianapolis 500 time trials. Maybe she was trying to pick up some driving tips. John Poyar is preparing for a two week "vacation" with the Indiana National Guard at Camp Grayling, Michigan beginning June 14.

**FOR SALE:** Professional set of Rogers drums, like new, hardly used, about two years old, Originally \$600, best offer over \$400. See John Poyar.

Reporter ..... John Poyar



## DISC JOCKEY

We have two new grandmothers in our department: Sara Henry's first grandchild arrived on April 7 - a boy named James Leon; and Naomi Tanner is a grandmother for the second time with the birth of her granddaughter, Deanne Susan, on May 19.

**Birthdays:** Nathan Brown, May 16.

Reporter ..... Carolyn Patterson

## PRODUCTION CONTROL

All of us in Production Control were sorry to see Ardis Reed leave last month. Ardis who had been with Mercury two years is going to stay around for awhile, and is considering Art School in Chicago.

We are all happy to have back with us Gene Smith. Gene has been in the Army for three years serving at Fort Knox, Fort Gordon, Viet Nam, and Fort Riche, Md. Welcome back Gene its' wonderful to have your smiling face around.

Barbara Conder has recently purchased a house on N.W. 17th. Barbara reports she should be moving about the 20th of this month. I don't envy her when it comes to moving all her possessions. By the way Barbara, when is the house warming?

All of us in Production Control and Order Service are glad to have Dee Whitton back on days. With all of the bake goods Dee is bringing, perhaps even your reporter may gain some weight.

Anyone interested in buying a swimming pool? Keith Clark has a one year old, 12 foot circular pool in excellent shape and I understand this is a top buy. Contact Keith in Production Control.

Paul Scherrer has a 1965 Ford LTD for sale. This is a 2 door hard top, blue in color. Anyone interested contact Paul, Custom Sales Manager, in the Production Control office.

**Anniversaries:** Marilyn Martin has been with Mercury 4 years this month.

**Birthdays:** Eva Lamott, June 11. Eva have you reached your second childhood yet?

Reporter ..... Logan Patterson

## MACHINE SHOP

One of the Machine Shop employees, Steve Dozza, had his right leg amputated May 14. We are very happy to hear that he returned home May 24 and is recovering satisfactorily.

Bobby Hubble and his '57 Chevy have been making a reputation for themselves at the area stock car races. They have been competing (and winning!!!) at such tracks as Lawrenceburg, Anderson, and Tri-County.

**Birthdays:** Sam Ridge, May 23; Mac Ellington, June 1; Frank Erdosy, June 15.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Mr. and Mrs. Al Reeves, 31 years, June 1; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comer, 7 years, June 30.

Reporter ..... Al Reeves

## REPACK

After a lot of talking about a new plant and wondering when our turn would come to move, the time finally arrived. On May 26 Repack employees found themselves in a brand new plant. The lighting is something new for us and I think it is very good.

Roger Block took his Weblo Scout Troop on a bicycle hike to Glen Miller Park May 10 for a weiner roast.

This reporter and her husband, Donald, celebrated a wedding anniversary May 21.

Reporter ..... Ruth Henn

## ENGINEERING/ MANUFACTURING

We are all sorry to see Tony Norton leave us, but wish him good luck on his new job. Tony is going to Belden where he will work in a department full of girls. Nice going, Tony.

Cathy Tiemann will graduate from Miami Jacobs Business College on June 22.

The new face in our office belongs to John Evans, whom we are glad to welcome to Mercury. John and his wife Lois reside at 2218 Liberty Avenue. They have 3 sons and 1 daughter.

**Birthdays:** Gordon Shinkle, June 5.

Reporter ..... Cathy Tiemann

**FOR SALE:** 1968 Chevelle 2-dr. H.T., SS 396, 4-barrel carb., power steering and brakes, radio, WW tires & 2-year studded snowtires. Red w/black vinyl top, black vinyl interior. Has 14,746 miles. Call Nell Longmire in Acctg. Dept. on Extension 263 or after 5:30 P.M. call 962-8287.

**FOR SALE:** Gas stove, 2 yrs. old - \$75. Call Larry Holt on Extension 268. Also, 12 ga., double barrel shotgun - \$25.